



House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 356

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House Bill No. 5274

House of Representatives, April 10, 2018

The Committee on Commerce reported through REP. SIMMONS of the 144th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE TERMS OF THE STATE POET LAUREATE AND THE STATE TROUBADOUR.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 3-110f of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2018*):

3 The [Department] Commissioner of Economic and Community
4 Development, with recommendations of the Culture and Tourism
5 Advisory Committee, [may appoint] shall designate, every three years,
6 a state poet laureate. The commissioner may fill any vacancy by
7 appointment for the unexpired portion of the term vacated.

8 Sec. 2. Section 3-110h of the general statutes is repealed and the
9 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2018*):

10 There shall be an official state troubadour. The [Department]
11 Commissioner of Economic and Community Development shall
12 [biennially] designate, every three years, a troubadour to serve in the

- 13 position. The commissioner may fill any vacancy by appointment for
14 the unexpired portion of the term vacated.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2018</i>	3-110f
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2018</i>	3-110h

CE *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

The bill has no fiscal impact by aligning the terms for the state poet laureate and state troubadour. The provision is a minor administrative change which does not alter the annual stipend structure of either position.

Currently both positions are filled.

The Out Years***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

OLR Bill Analysis**HB 5274*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE TERMS OF THE STATE POET LAUREATE AND THE STATE TROUBADOUR.*****SUMMARY**

This bill generally aligns the requirements for selecting the state poet laureate and official state troubadour, both of whom are selected under current law by the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD).

The bill requires the DECD commissioner to designate individuals for both positions to a three-year term. As the commissioner currently does for the poet laureate, she must make that designation with recommendations from the Culture and Tourism Advisory Committee. The bill allows her to fill a vacancy in either position by appointment for the term's balance.

Current law does not specify a term for the poet laureate, but provides a two-year term for the state troubadour. In both cases, current law makes no provision for filling a vacancy.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2018

COMMITTEE ACTION

Commerce Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 20 Nay 0 (03/22/2018)